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Memorandum for: The Director

Subject: Urgent Congressional Business

1. This is a reminder to call Senator Saltonstall and discuss with him the line he should take either as a witness before the Senate Rules Committee or in Floor debate on the subject of the Mansfield resolution.
2. As I understand it, the basic points Senator Saltonstall wishes to make are as follows:
  - a. Present arrangements satisfactory, with subcommittees of Armed Services and Appropriations;
  - b. The staff of a Joint Committee would be dangerous; there is very little CIA legislation, which means that they will be looking over the shoulder of the Director and will become involved in operational matters which should not concern them;
  - c. A new Committee is bound to make more people knowledgeable as to sensitive activities, which in turn will result immediately in making arrangements with foreign governments and intelligence services more difficult, and which will probably in the long run result in a leak as to the size of the CIA budget.
3. As I understand it, the Senator is not necessarily seeking your advice as to arguments which he can use, but feels that he must discuss with you whether or not he can feel free to use these arguments on his own responsibility in public testimony and Floor debate. I told him you would call him the early part of this week. The Rules Committee is due to meet on Wednesday morning, and the Senator may want to appear at that time.
4. The Mansfield Resolution is now a general legislative problem, inasmuch as it will emerge one way or another from the Rules Committee, and it is therefore probably advisable for you to consult with Senator Knowland. I am told that last year he was against the Mansfield Resolution. If he is still against it, he can of course be very helpful on the Floor and may even

have some influence on the Committee votes of Barratt and Curtis. As a matter of courtesy and general tactics, I recommend that you seek an early opportunity to talk to Senator Hayden, who is a member of the Rules Committee as well as being Chairman of the Appropriations Committee. He has told Senator Saltonstall that he continues to oppose the Joint Committee. It is likely, however, that he will participate more actively in this matter if he feels that we have shown enough interest to discuss it with him. You may also want to discuss these further contacts with Senator Saltonstall when you speak to him. If you conclude that they should be contacted, I will try to arrange for appointments.



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